

Response to Restriction Requirement
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (original) A customer self-checkout system for processing items for purchase, comprising:
 - a checkout station configured for self-checkout by customers of items for purchase;
 - a plurality of supervisory terminals configured to conduct supervisory activities administering operation of the checkout station; and
 - a controller operatively coupling the plurality of supervisory terminals to the checkout station, wherein said controller is configured to enable administration of the checkout station by multiple ones of the supervisory terminals.
2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein:
 - the checkout station is one of a plurality of checkout stations;
 - the controller is one of a plurality of controllers; each of the plurality of controllers is associated with a corresponding one of the plurality of checkout stations; and
 - each of the controllers is operatively coupled to the plurality of supervisory terminals.
3. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein:
 - the checkout station is one of a plurality of checkout stations;
 - the controller is operatively coupled to each of the plurality of checkout stations; and
 - the controller is configured to administer control of the plurality of checkout stations by multiple ones of the plurality of supervisory terminals.

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4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein:

a first one of the supervisory terminals is operatively coupled to the controller by a wireless data network; and

the supervisory terminal and the checkout station are operatively coupled to each other by a wired data network.

5. (original) The system of claim 4, wherein a second one of the supervisory terminals is operatively coupled to the controller by a wired data network.

6. (original) The system of claim 4, wherein the first supervisory terminal is a battery operated mobile supervisory device.

7. (original) The system of claim 6, wherein the first supervisory terminal is pager-size supervisory device.

8. (original) The system of claim 7, wherein the pager-size supervisory device comprises a vibrating indication device.

9. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein a first one of the supervisory terminals comprises a card reader configured to clear a weight violation at the checkout station in response to a reading of an authorization card.

10. (original) The system of claim 9, wherein the authorization card comprises a transponder card.

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11. (original) The system of claim 9, wherein:

the checkout station is one of a plurality of checkout stations; and
the first supervisory terminal is dedicated to conducting supervisory activities over a first one of the plurality of checkout stations.

12. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein:

the supervisory activities comprise a plurality of supervisory functions that can be performed to administer operation of the checkout station;
a first one of the supervisory terminals can conduct supervisory activities consisting of a first subset of the supervisory functions;
a second one of the supervisory terminals can conduct supervisory activities consisting of a second subset of the supervisory functions; and
the first and second subsets of the supervisory functions are different.

13. (original) The system of claim 12, wherein:

at least one of the plurality of supervisory functions is common to the first and second subsets of the supervisory activities.

Claims 14-21 (cancelled)